

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION)	
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS ENVIRONMENTAL)	PSC DOCKET NO. 19-0724
RIDER RATE "ER" TO BE EFFECTIVE)	
DECEMBER 1, 2019)	
(FILED OCTOBER 31, 2019))	

ORDER NO. 9554

AND NOW, this 19th day of February 2020, the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2019, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed the above-captioned application ("Application") with the Commission seeking approval of its Environmental Rider ("ER") under the process approved in PSC Order No. 4104 (December 19, 1995) in Docket No. 95-73, which authorized an annually adjusted surcharge mechanism to allow the Company to recover the expenses it has incurred or will incur for remediation of environmental damage liabilities; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2019, by Order No. 9503, the Commission approved Chesapeake's proposed rate of a positive surcharge rate of \$0.0005 per Ccf for all firm delivery service customers to become effective for gas usage on and after December 1, 2019, with proration and subject to refund pending further review and the Commission's final decision; and

WHEREAS, Order No. 9503 set the evidentiary hearing on the Application on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, and directed Chesapeake to seek to provide public notice of the filing of its Application, the dates of the public comment session, and the evidentiary hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has cancelled its March 4, 2020 meeting and now sets the new evidentiary hearing date for April 1, 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE
VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. Pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* § 10124(1), the Secretary shall provide notice of the updated evidentiary hearing by publishing notices, in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit “A,”** in two-column format, outlined in black, in the legal classified sections of The News Journal and the Delaware State News newspapers as early as possible during the week of February 24, 2020. Proof of such publication is to be provided to the Commission as soon as practical but not later than the commencement of the evidentiary hearing concerning this matter.

2. The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing on the Application during its regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, April 1, 2020, starting at 1:00 p.m.** at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, 1st Floor Hearing Room, Cannon Building, Dover, Delaware 19904.

3. The Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Secretary

EXHIBIT “A”

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**TO: ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES
CORPORATION AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

As a result of the cancellation of its meeting scheduled for March 4, 2020, the Delaware Public Service Commission (“Commission”) is re-posting this public notice to move the date for the evidentiary hearing concerning the above-captioned case from March 4, 2020 to April 1, 2020, at the following time and location:

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday, April 1, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.	Hearing Room Delaware Public Service Commission 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, 1st Floor Dover, DE 19904

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation’s Environmental Rider Rate

Pursuant to the environmental remediation recovery mechanism approved in PSC Order No. 4104 (December 19, 1995) in PSC Docket No. 95-73, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (“Chesapeake”) has filed an application (“Application”) with the Commission proposing to increase its Environmental Rider (“ER”) surcharge of \$0.0004 per Ccf to a positive surcharge rate of \$0.0005 per Ccf for all firm delivery customers. The rate will become effective with usage on

and after December 1, 2019, with proration, subject to modification and refund after an evidentiary hearing.

For a typical residential heating customer using 700 Ccf of gas per month, there will be an increase of approximately 0.01%, or \$0.07 change in the monthly bill.

By Order No. 9503 dated November 14, 2019, the Commission approved the proposed rate to become effective with usage on and after December 1, 2019, with proration, subject to modification and refund after an evidentiary hearing.

By Order No. 9### dated February 19, 2020, the Commission rescheduled the evidentiary hearing in this matter from March 4, 2020 to April 1, 2020. *No other dates set forth in Order No. 9503 were changed.*

You are invited to review Chesapeake's Application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected by going to DelaFile (<https://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's file management system, and searching for Docket No. 19-0724.

On *April 1, 2020, starting at 1:00 p.m.*, the Commission will consider whether to grant Chesapeake's Application. The evidentiary hearing will be held at the Commission's office located at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, Delaware 19904. The Commission will render a decision based upon the evidence presented to it at this evidentiary hearing. In addition, the Commission will accept public comments on the Application immediately prior to the commencement of the evidentiary hearing on April 1, 2020.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Donna Nickerson at (302) 736-7500 or by sending an email addressed to donna.nickerson@delaware.gov. You may also review copies of Chesapeake's Application and supporting documents at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at either 820 North French Street, 4th Floor,

Wilmington, Delaware 19801, or 29 South State Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. Please call either (302) 577-5077 or (302) 241-2555 to arrange for a time to review the documents at either of those locations.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. The link to this form can be found on the Commission's website, <https://dep.sc.delaware.gov>, or by visiting this web address https://delaware.gov/help/foia_request.shtml?subj=DOS. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 *Del. C.* ch. 100.

If you have a disability and wish to participate or to review the materials in this matter, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail, or other means.

If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions regarding this matter by Internet e-mail addressed to clishona.marshall@delaware.gov.